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INTRODUCTION

The papers of Benjamin Franklin Cheatham (1820-1886), Captain, 1846, and Colonel, 1847, Mexican War; Major-General, Tennessee Militia, 1853; Brigadier-General, Confederate Army, 1861; Major-General, Confederate Army, 1862; Supt. Of Tennessee Prisons, 1874-1878; and postmaster of Nashville, Tennessee, 1886, were placed on deposit by Mrs. Telfair Hodgson of Sewanee, Tennessee, the daughter of General Cheatham.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The papers of Benjamin Franklin Cheatham composed of approximately 300 items contain correspondence, Civil War Military reports, Civil War military maps, Mexican War muster rolls, a Mexican War diary, a journal of farming activities in the 1880s, organization and accounts dealing with Tennessee State Prisons, and some statistical data regarding the rainfall during the years 1882-1885.

The earliest letters were written by Andrew Jackson and John Tyler to T.H. Williams in the years 1842 and 1843 respectively. The letter of John Tyler is especially interesting in its references to the African slave trade and the arming of merchant vessels to prevent search and seizure by England.

The Civil War correspondence is composed of sixteen family letters and twenty-six letters and reports from the following officers: General Braxton Bragg, General H.D. Clayton, Major E.S. Gulley, Colonel Thomas Herndon, Colonel T.F. Hunley, General H.R. Jackson, Colonel Brooks Jones, Captain J.C. Kendrick, General James Longstreet, Colonel J.H. Minton, General A.J. Smith, and Captain R.K. Wells.

There are eight letters from Joseph E. Johnston during the years after the Civil War 1887-1886. One of the most interesting items in the collection is the little diary kept by General Cheatham during the Mexican War. He was a captain at the beginning of the War and became a colonel before the war was over. The complete original roster of the 3rd Regiment of Tennessee Volunteers, a very valuable document, is among the papers.

Correspondence for the years 1875-1878 is addressed to General Cheatham as Superintendent of State Prisons. Sixteen letters for this period concern such matters as the convict lease system, the payment of prison guards, and allegations concerning the maltreatment of prisoners.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Benjamin Franklin Cheatham

- 1820 October 20, born in Nashville, Tennessee, son of Leonard Pope and Elizabeth (Robertson) Cheatham. Mother a descendent of James Robertson.
- 1846 Captain of Tennessee Volunteers at Monterey, Mexico.
- 1847 Colonel in campaign against Mexico City.
- 1849 Went to California in the Gold Rush.
- 1853 Returned to Tennessee and engaged in farming.
Major-General of militia.
- 1861 May 9, appointed Brigadier-General in Confederate Army.
- 1861-1863 Commanded a division, at first in Polk's and later in Hardee's Corps.
- 1862 March, appointed Major-General.
- 1864 Appointed to command a corps when Hood undertook his Tennessee Campaign.
- 1865 Surrendered with Johnston's army in North Carolina.
- 1866 Married Anna Bell, daughter of A.E. Robertson.
- 1872 Unsuccessful candidate for Congress.
- 1874-1878 Superintendent of State Prisons.
- 1886 January 20, appointed postmaster of Nashville.
- 1886 September 4, died.

CONTAINER LIST

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Box 1

Folder 1: Bills, notes, receipts, and cancelled checks, 1834, 1858, 1864-1883

1. November 3, 1834, receipt of L.P. Cheatham and his son, B.F. Cheatham.
2. November 16, 1858, account of B.F. Cheatham with W.A. Wood & Co.
3. \$500 Confederate bond.
4. Certificate of shares of stock purchased April 17, 1876, by W.W. Robertson of Murfreesboro, Manchester and Winchester Turnpike Company.
5. Four certificates of stock purchased December 24, 1877, by A.B. Robertson of Murfreesboro, Manchester and Winchester Turnpike Company.
6. Four certificates of stock purchased December 24, 1877, by B.F. Robertson of Murfreesboro, Manchester and Winchester Turnpike Company.
7. Cancelled checks of B.F. Cheatham, 1877-1879.
8. Two bank deposit books of B.F. Cheatham, 1877.
9. December 1883 hardware bill of B.F. Cheatham with C.A. Litterer & Co.

Folder 2: Correspondence, 1842-1843. Letters to T.H. Williams from Andrew Jackson and John Tyler. Two letters.

1. January 14, 1842, letter from Andrew Jackson to T.H. Williams.
2. January 8, 1843, letter from John Tyler to T.H. Williams.

Folder 3: Correspondence, family, 1860-1885. Twenty-eight letters.

1. April 17, (?) letter to Mrs. B.F. Cheatham from F.B. Capers (?).
2. June 9, (?) letter to Mrs. B.F. Cheatham from F.B. Capers (?).
3. June 23, (?) letter to Colonel L.P. Cheatham from B.F. Cheatham.
4. November 8, 1860, letter from A.B. Robertson to his daughter.
5. December 27, 1861, letter to Frank (Cheatham?) from Laeo _____.
6. January 7, 1862, letter to Frank (Cheatham) signed "Mother."
7. March 2, 1862, letter to "brother" (probably B.F. Cheatham) from sister Louise.
8. April 3, (?) letter to Frank (Cheatham?) from Louise.
9. April 5, 1862, letter to Frank (Cheatham?) from Louise.
10. May 2, 1862, letter to Frank (Cheatham?) from Louise.
11. May "5 or 6" (?) letter to Frank (Cheatham) from sister Louise.
12. July 25, (?) letter to Frank (Cheatham) from Louise.
13. November, 1862, letter to "brother" from Laeo. (sister)
14. December 17, 1862, letter to Frank (Cheatham?) from unsigned person.
15. September 2, 1863, letter to General (Cheatham?) from Annie Carriksbell (?).
16. August 4, 1864, letter to Frank (Cheatham?) from Louise.
17. Letter to "mother" from Anna, with postscript by son Frank (Cheatham?); both dated March 30, 1866.

18. January 25, 1863, letter to Frank (Cheatham?) signed "mother."
19. February 4, 1863, letter to Frank (Cheatham?) from sister Louise.
20. March 23, 1863, letter to Frank (Cheatham?) from sister Louise.
21. March 30, (1863?) letter to Frank (Cheatham?) from sister Martha.
22. April 30, 1866, letter to "mother" from Anna (Cheatham?).
23. Letter dated August 13, 1866, with August 17, 1866, postscript, to "mother" from Anna (Cheatham?).
24. December 16, 1866, letter to "mother" from Anna (Cheatham?).
25. September, 1872 (?) unsigned letter to "wife."
26. October 16, 1872, letter to "wife" from "husband" (B.F.Cheatham.)
27. February 25, 1873, letter to Elizabeth Cheatham from William Watkins.
28. June 24, 1885, letter to Mrs. Cheatham from Dr. J.P. Dake.

Folder 4: Correspondence, general, 1861-1863. Nine letters.

1. December 30, 1861, letter to B.F. Cheatham from W.H. Key.
2. November 26, 1862, letter to B.F. Cheatham from T.F. Henry. Cheatham's aide-de-camp.
3. January 11, 1863, letter to General Braxton Bragg from Major General B.F. Cheatham.
4. January 3, 1863, letter to General Braxton Bragg from Major General's B.F.Cheatham and J.M. Withers.
5. January 3, 1863, letter to General Braxton Bragg from Lieutenant General L. Polk.
6. March 21, 1863, letter to Lieutenant General Polk from Major Generals B.F. Cheatham and J.M. Withers.
7. September 18, 1863, letter to B.F. Cheatham from Thomas Clark.
8. October 21, 1863, letter to B.F. Cheatham from James Longstreet.
9. November 3, 1883, letter to B.F. Cheatham from L.C. Law.

Folder 5: Correspondence, general, 1864-1865. Seventeen letters.

1. July 12, 1864, letter to B.F. Cheatham from Mrs. Leonidas Polk.
2. July 19, 1864, letter to B.F. Cheatham (?) from S.R. Cockrill.
3. July 26, 1864, report from Captain J.C. Kendrick of the action of the 37th Alabama Infantry in the engagement of July 22nd, addressed to Captain Mangum.
4. July 24, 1864, report of Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Herndon, 36th Alabama regiment, of the action of the 36th Alabama in the July 22nd engagement, addressed to Captain J.H. Pickens.
5. July 25, 1864, report of Lieutenant John C. Lumas of the action of the 38th Alabama regiment in the July 22nd engagement, addressed to Captain J.H. Pickens.
6. July 26th 1864, report of Colonel J.H. Minton of the action of the 54th Alabama regiment in the July 22nd engagement, addressed to Captain ____ (?).

7. July 26, 1864, report of Major E.S. Gulley of the action of the 40th Alabama Infantry in the July 22nd engagement, addressed to Captain James Mangum.
8. July 26, 1864, report to Colonel T.F. Hensley (?) of the action taken by the 18th Alabama regiment in the July 22nd engagement.
9. July 26, 1864, report of Captain R.K. Wells of the action of the 42nd Alabama infantry in the July 22nd engagement.
10. July 27, 1864, report of Colonel Brook Jones of the action taken by Holtzclaw's brigade in the July 22nd engagement.
11. July 30, 1864, report of Colonel John H. Higley of the part taken by Baker's brigade in the July 22nd engagement.
12. August 5, 1864, letter to B.F. Cheatham from Ira P. Jones.
13. August 19, 1864, report of A.L. Johnson of the action taken by Stovall's brigade in the July 22nd engagement.
14. August 27, 1864, report of Major General H.D. Clayton of the action taken by his division in the July 22nd engagement.
15. December 10, 1864, letter to B.F. Cheatham from Brigadier General H.R. Jackson.
16. January 17, 1865, letter to B.F. Cheatham from Dr. E.J. Carter.
17. January 23, 1865, report of Brigadier General A.J. Smith of the action taken by Cleburne's division in the Middle Tennessee campaign.

Folder 6: Correspondence, general, 1866-1886. Twenty-six letters.

1. October 18, 1866, letter from Alexander P. Stewart to B.F. Cheatham.
2. Letter from John M. Lea to Frank B. Cheatham.
3. August 2, 1869, letter from Mrs. Leonidas Polk to B.F. Cheatham.
4. September 2, 1872 (?) letter from B.F. Cheatham to his wife.
5. March 30, 1874, letter to Joseph E. Johnston from P.S. Stuart with Johnston's reply on back.
6. September 21, 1874, letter to B.F. Cheatham (?) from W.D. Gale.
7. September 25, 1874, letter to B.F. Cheatham from W.M. Polk.
8. September 28, 1874, letter to B.F. Cheatham (?) from Frank Rice.
9. September or October 1874 (?) notes of Cheatham (?) on Bragg's retreat from Kentucky. (This item is missing.)
10. October 15, 1874, letter from W.D. Gale to B.F. Cheatham (?).
11. March 17, 1876, letter to B.F. Cheatham from E.C. Walthall.
12. April, 1876, letter from B.F. Cheatham to General E.C. Walthall concerning Battle of Missionary Ridge.
13. January 13, 1877, letter to B.F. Cheatham from E.A. Carman.
14. July 3, 1877, letter and attached receipt for subscription to *Papers* of Southern Historical Society, written to B.F. Cheatham from J. Wm. Jones.
15. November 17, 1877, letter to B.F. Cheatham from John B. Steele.

16. November 19, 1877, letter to B.F. Cheatham from John M. Lord.
17. January 13, 1878, letter to B.F. Cheatham from John B. Hood.
18. June 18, 1848, letter to Colonel A.B. Robertson from J.J. Milsow (?).
19. June 15, 1878, letter to B.F. Cheatham from Blanton Fleming.
20. July 8, 1878, letter and circular sent to B.F. Cheatham from Marcus J. Wright concerning publication of war records.
21. July 15, 1881, letter to Captain W. Dodd from Thomas Speed concerning the Battle of Franklin.
22. October 15, 1881, letter to B.F. Cheatham from T.B. Roy.
23. January 8, 1885, letter to B.F. Cheatham from W.M. Bushfield.
24. April 11, 1886, letter to B.F. Cheatham from James Longstreet.
25. May 29, 1886, letter to B.F. Cheatham's son from E.L. Bokin (?).
26. Undated letter to B.F. Cheatham from W.M. Bushfield.

Folder 7: Correspondence, special. Eight letters of Joseph E. Johnston, 1867-1886.

1. November 14, 1867, letter to B.F. Cheatham from Joseph E. Johnston. (This item is missing.)
2. May 7, 1872, letter to B.F. Cheatham from Joseph E. Johnston.
3. June 21, 1872, letter to B.F. Cheatham from Joseph E. Johnston.
4. November 11, 1873, letter to B.F. Cheatham from Joseph E. Johnston.
5. June 13, 1874, letter to B.F. Cheatham from Joseph E. Johnston.
6. June 19, 1878, letter to B.F. Cheatham from E.J. Hanie (?).
7. April 5, 1880, letter to B.F. Cheatham from Joseph E. Johnston.
8. March 18, 1886, letter to B.F. Cheatham from Joseph E. Johnston.

Folder 8: Journal of farming activities, 1881-1884.

1. Journal – Farming activities, 1881-1884.

Folder 9: Memorabilia, diploma, Sewanee report of B.F. Cheatham, Jr., passport, and post office appointment, 1854-1886.

1. June 23, 1885, report card from the University of the South for B.F. Cheatham, Jr., for session May 23 to June 20, 1885.
2. June 28, 1854, diploma of Miss Anna Bell Robertson from the Nashville Female Academy.
3. May 20, 1873, passport of William N. Robertson.
4. January 20, 1886, certificate of appointment of B.F. Cheatham as postmaster of Nashville.

Folder 10: Mexican War correspondence, 1846-1848. Seven letters.

Mexican War – Correspondence, 1846-1848

1. September 5, 1846, to F.R. Cheatham from B.F. Cheatham.
2. October 6, 1846, letter to Louisa Cheatham from B.F. Cheatham.
3. October 16, 1846, letter to Mrs. Medosa Riggs from B.F. Cheatham.

4. December 14, 1846, letter to "Aunt Fanny" from B.F. Cheatham.
5. May 3 (?), 1847, letter to John A. Cheatham from B.F. Cheatham.
6. February 14, 1848, letter to "Father" from B.F. Cheatham.
7. Certificate of Honorable Discharge, July 24, 1848, of B.F. Cheatham, Colonel, Third Regiment of Tennessee Foot Volunteers.

Folder 11: Mexican War diary of B.F. Cheatham, from October 8, 1847 to August 4, 1848, and newspaper, *American Eagle*, published in Vera Cruz, 1847.

1. Diary – Mexican War – Cheatham, B.F., 1847-1848 (1 volume).
2. Newspaper – *The American Eagle*, Vera Cruz, May 5, 1847.

Folder 12: Mexican War muster rolls of Company E, First Regiment Tennessee Volunteers, 1846.

1. Muster roll of Captain B.F. Cheatham, Company E, First Regiment, First Brigade of Tennessee Volunteers, from May 28, 1846, to April 30, 1847.
2. Duplicate.
3. Muster roll of Captain B.F. Cheatham's Company in the First Regiment of Tennessee Volunteers from September 31, to November 31, 1846.
4. Muster roll of Captain B.F. Cheatham's Company in the First Regiment, First Brigade of Tennessee Volunteers, June 1846.
5. Muster roll of Captain R.A. Bennett's Company of the ____ Regiment, ____ Brigade of Tennessee Volunteers, June 1846.
6. Muster roll of Captain B.F. Cheatham's Company of the First Regiment of Tennessee Volunteers, May 28, August 31, 1846.

Folder 13: Mexican War roster , 3rd Regiment of Tennessee Volunteers, Companies A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, and K.

1. Mexican War – Roster – Third Regiment, Tennessee Volunteers (1 volume)

Folder 14: Military company, organization and minutes of meetings, 1892-1893.

1. Military Company – Organization and minutes, 1892-1893 (1 volume)

Folder 15: Military maps, Civil War, 1861-1865. Seven maps. See map drawer 2.

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2. North Georgia
3. Atlanta, Georgia
4. Area around Atlanta, Georgia
5. North Georgia
6. Middle Tennessee
7. Middle Tennessee

Folder 16: Military papers, armory, bills, etc., 1892-1893.

1. September 1, 1893, grocery bill of A.C. Gillian (Gillem?).
2. Two September 1, 1893, Nashville Gas Light Company statements.
3. September 2, 1893, coal receipt of A.B. Bayless.
4. September 9, 1893, receipt of Captain Bayless.
5. September 9, 1893, receipt of Captain Bayless for payment due the Cumberland Electric Light and Power Company for the account of the Armory Board.
6. Salary receipt of J.J. Cheatham, September 11, 1893.
7. September 11, 1893, budget (?).
8. Undated receipt of J. Johnston Cheatham for the account of the Armory Board.
9. September 29, 1892, application for electric lights for Armory Board.
10. July 1, 1893, receipt of Armory Board for account with the Nashville Gas Light Company.
11. January 7, 1893, budget report by A.B. Bayless.
12. February 13, 1893, letter of resignation of Biscoe Hindman from the Armory Board.
13. April 3, 1893, budget report of the Armory Board.
14. June 7, 1893, letter to Captain A.C. Gillem, President of the Armory Board from E.B. Johns.

Folder 17: Military papers, miscellaneous, appointments, casualty lists, etc., 1861-1882.

1. Complimentary pass to Nashville Mexican Veterans Reunion for Mrs. B.F. Cheatham, September 13-15, 1881.
2. Certificate of appointment of B.F. Cheatham as Second Brigadier General, Provisional Force of Tennessee Volunteers, May 9, 1861, signed by Governor Isham Harris of Tennessee.
3. Receipt for employment of slave by Confederate army, signed March 2, 1863, by Major M. Cheatham.
4. Certificate of appointment of B.F. Cheatham as Major General in the Confederate Provisional Army, March 1862.
5. Confederate paymaster's receipt for payment to Major General B.F. Cheatham from June 1 to July 1, 1863, Missionary Ridge.
6. October 31, 1863, note from Major General B.F. Cheatham to Colonel George Brent, Headquarters, Polk's Corps, asking to be relieved of duty with the Army of Tennessee, and forwarded to General Braxton Bragg.
7. November 24, 1863, order from Headquarters, Army of Tennessee, commanding Cheatham's withdrawal from designated areas around Chattanooga.
8. April 20, 1865, field return of Cheatham's command.
9. August 6, 1864, summary of casualties in Cheatham's division during the first campaign of 1864.
10. Two copies of same casualty report. (Printed)

Folder 18: Military papers, reports, etc., Civil War, 1861-1865.

1. Undated report to General Polk of operations of Cheatham's division.
2. Report of Major General Patrick Cleburne of the operations of his division in the Battle of Chickamauga, September 19-20, 1863, including a map of the battle.
3. August 13, 1867, letter from Melancthon Smith which is attached to his journal of the campaign from Dalton to Atlanta.
4. Undated and incomplete report of Battle of Murfreesboro (?), including list of casualties in Cheatham's division.
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11. Receipt for Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railway, December 5, 1877.
12. Receipt for Phillips, Buttorff and Co., December 8, 1877.
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14. Time for guards at Coal Creek, August-November 1877.

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5. J. A. Cheatham to General B.F. Cheatham, June 8, 1878.
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7. H.F. Cummins to Miss Glover, February 5, 1876.
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13. G.S. Newsom, May 31, 1875.

14. James D. Porter to General B.F. Cheatham, February 12, 1878.
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Johnston, J[oseph] E[ggleston] to General B.F. Cheatham (6), 1867-1886, re: writing an account of experiences in the war; baptism of Joseph Johnston Cheatham and sending gift; gift of a picture; visit to Nashville, 7

Johnston, J[oseph] E[ggleston] to Frank Cheatham, Jr., 1886, re: hope to see family, 7

Jones, Bunk to Major R.A. Hatcher, 1864, re: report of the actions of his troops in the Battle of Atlanta, 5

Jones, Ira P. to B.F. Cheatham, 1864, re: congratulations on his actions during the campaign in Georgia, 5

Jones, J. William to General B.F. Cheatham, 1877, re: enrollment as member of Southern Historical Society, 7

Kendrick, J.C. to James W. Mangum, 1864, re: relating incidents regarding the actions of the 37th Alabama Infantry in the Battle of Atlanta, 5

Key, B.P. [Dr.] to General Cheatham, 1878, re: stating that the *Cincinnati Enquirer* was wrong in stating that prisoners had died from scurvy at the railroad camp, 20

Key, W.H. to B.F. Cheatham, 1861, re: sending his horse "Columbus" to Cheatham, 4

Lea, John M. to General Frank Cheatham, 1868, re: political moderation; asking Cheatham to mix with the legislators and let his opinions be heard, 6

Longstreet, James to B.F. Cheatham, Jr., 1886, re: say hello to his father, 6

Lord, John M. to General Frank Cheatham, 1877, re: thanks for the picture; reminiscing about comradeship in Mexico, 1846; his children, 6

Maxwell, P.J. [Dr.] to [B.] Frank Cheatham, 1877, re: asking consideration for a prisoner, J.C. Ramsey, who was connected with some of the best families in Mississippi, 20

Minton, J.A. to Captain _____, 1864, re: report of the actions of his troops at the Battle of Atlanta, 5

Morgan, William H. to B.F. Cheatham, 1878, re: requesting payment of account with Morgan & Co., 20

Newsom, G.S., 1875, re: estimate of damage to lots on Cumberland Street near Penitentiary in Nashville, 20

Polk, L[eonidas] to Braxton Bragg, [1863], re: stating that he feared another engagement and that “we could now perhaps get off with some safety..., if the affair was well managed,” 4

Polk, Frances A. [Mrs. Leonidas] to Benjamin F. Cheatham, 1864, re: requests Cheatham to help save the memory of her husband from blame regarding the campaign in Kentucky, 5

Polk, Frances A. [Mrs. Leonidas] to General B.F. Cheatham, 1869, re: requesting assistance in establishing the facts of the Kentucky Campaign in which her husband had fought, 6

Polk, W.M. to General [Cheatham], 1874, re: clearing up some points on his father’s book, 6

Porter, James D. to B.F. Cheatham, 1878, re: requesting an investigation of the management of the convict labor in the state [Tennessee], 20

Rice, Frank to General [Cheatham], 1874, re: furnishing some information that Cheatham requested, 6

Robertson, A.B. to daughter, Anna Bell [Cheatham], 1860, re: sending newspapers with election news; secession; family news, 3

Roy, T.B. to General B. F. Cheatham, 1881, re: Cheatham’s account of abandonment of Decatur movement during Battle of Atlanta, 6

Smart, W.T. to John A. Cheatham, 1847, re: speaks favorably of Waterson (a newspaper man?) from Nashville; Whigs and war with Mexico; death of Captain Frank; death of his father; praising the likes of Dr. and Mrs. Waters, 10

Smith, J.A. to Major J.D. Porter, 1865, re: giving an account of the activities after the Battle of Franklin concerning Cleburne’s men who came under the direction of Smith after Cleburne’s death, 5

Smith, Melancthon to Abb, 1864, re: report on the Dalton and Atlanta campaign, 18

Speed, Thomas to W.O. Dodd, 1881, re: giving an account of the action of the 8th Tennessee Infantry, 12th and 16th Regiments of Kentucky Infantry at the Battle of Franklin, 1864, 6

Steele, John B. to General Frank Cheatham, 1877, re: requesting help for his son, John K. Steele, who had been placed in the state prison, 6

Stewart, Alexander P. to B.F. Cheatham, 1866, re: requesting that Cheatham’s cotton be shipped to Stewart, Bennett & Co., New Orleans; political prospects of the country, 6

Stimmel, Albrecht F. [Dr.] to B.F. Cheatham, 1878, re: stating that a prisoner, Henry Williams, is unable to work in the Battle Creek mines, 20

Stuart, P.S. to J.E. Johnston, 1874, re: wanting to help in setting up an “agency in Eastern Tennessee,” 6

Trimble, W.J. to B.F. Cheatham, 1876, re: requesting payment for services rendered as prison guard, 20

Tyler, John to Thomas H. Williams, 1843, re: difficulties in fulfilling office of president; slave trade, 2

Walthall, E.C. to General Cheatham, 1876, re: requesting his version of the action at Missionary Ridge, 1863, 6

Watkins, William F. to cousin, Elizabeth Cheatham, 1873, re: family news; educating children, hard times and high taxes; defeat of Benjamin F. Cheatham in election, 3

Wells, R.K. to _____, 1864, re: report of the actions of his troops at the Battle of Atlanta, 5

Wilson, F.J. to Colonel A.B. Robertson, 1878, re: business matters, 6

Wright, Marcus J. to General B.F. Cheatham, 1878, requesting information on the activities of Cheatham in the war for the War Department publication, 6